



# HIGHTOWER EXPANDS PRESENCE IN PORTLAND, MAINE

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**CHICAGO— August 31, 2015** — HighTower announces two additions to its Portland, Maine-based Simmons Wilkes Investment Advisors team: Managing Director & Partner Melissa Duffy, and Financial Advisor Paige Todorich. Ms. Duffy and Ms. Todorich are transitioning \$150 million in client assets, increasing the team’s total corporate, family and individual assets to approximately \$650 million.

“HighTower advisors are among the industry’s most sophisticated, fastest-growing and fiduciary-minded professionals—including many of the leading women in our field. Over the past two years, 10 elite female advisors have joined our ranks,” said **Michael Parker, National Director of Enterprise Development at HighTower**. “Melissa and Paige each bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to the Simmons Wilkes team and HighTower’s exclusive advisor community.”

Ms. Duffy has a diverse background with a focus on financial planning, retirement income and retirement plan management. Prior to joining HighTower, she was Founder and Managing Partner at Duffy Anderson Investment Management LLC. From 2002-2008, Ms. Duffy was a First Vice President and Investment Advisor at Wachovia Securities, formerly A.G. Edwards and Sons, Inc. Earlier in her career, she served as Director of Marketing for the broker/dealer division of Rydex Global Advisors in Rockville, MD, and worked for Fidelity Investments and Charles Schwab.

Ms. Todorich brings more than 11 years of financial experience to HighTower, where she works with goal-driven families and individual clients to create and maintain investment portfolios, wealth transfer strategies, and retirement plans. Before she joined HighTower, Ms. Todorich spent 10 years at Wells Fargo, starting as an Administrative Assistant and working her way up to become a Financial Advisor.

“HighTower’s high-performing, collaborative culture is unmatched by any other firm I’ve encountered during my career,” said Ms. Duffy. “It is a privilege to join their team, and I look forward to working with the outstanding professionals at Simmons Wilkes to deliver exceptional service to our clients.”

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